

**C H A P. XXV.** of alleys, not exceeding thirty feet wide, through the said village, for the public convenience, provided that no streets or alleys shall be laid out and opened through the land of any infant or infants until compensation be made in the manner herein after provided.

And make valuation, &c.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That in case it should be necessary for the general convenience and advantage of the said village to lay out any streets or alleys through the lands of any infant or infants, it shall be the duty of the said commissioners, after such streets or alleys are laid out, and before the same shall be opened, having first taken an oath, to be administered by any justice of the peace of the aforesaid county, justly and impartially to value the ground to be taken away by such streets and alleys, and the damages that will be sustained by the owner or owners by means thereof, according to the best of their skill and judgment, to proceed to make such valuation, and in estimating such value and damages the said commissioners shall take into consideration, not only the value of the ground to be taken away, but also any injury that may be done by means thereof to any other property of the said infant or infants, a certificate of which valuation shall be returned to the clerk of the county court, to be recorded, with the plot and certificate of the said village, among the land records of the said county; and upon the payment of the damages so assessed being made to the several guardians of such infants respectively, and their receipts for the same being returned to the orphans court, and lodged with the register of wills of the said county, it shall be lawful for the said commissioners, or a majority of them, to open, for public use, the streets or alleys which may have been laid out through the lands of such infant or infants.

Money to be accounted for, &c.

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That all and every sum or sums of money paid to such guardians shall be accounted for by them with the orphans court of the county aforesaid, and carried to the credit of their wards in their accounts as guardians.

Certificate to be returned, &c.

V. AND BE IT ENACTED, That so soon as the said survey shall be completed, the said commissioners, or a majority of them, shall return a correct and accurate certificate and plot of survey of the said village, streets and alleys, to the clerk of Caroline county court, to be by him recorded among the land records of the said county; and the said original plot thereof shall also be by him kept, and a certified copy of such record shall be for ever thereafter deemed and taken as full evidence of the bounds, lines and location, of the said village and lots, and the streets and alleys of the same.

To be deemed highways.

VI. AND BE IT ENACTED, That such land, so laid out for streets and alleys, and recorded as aforesaid, shall become, and for ever thereafter be deemed, public highways, to all intents and purposes.

Swine, &c. may be seized, &c.

VII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That it shall and may be lawful for any person residing within the limits of the said village, in ten days after laying out the same, and the return made as aforesaid by the said commissioners, to seize or take any swine or geese that may be found running at large within the limits of the said village, belonging to any person residing within the same, and the same retain in his, her or their own possession, until the owner or owners thereof shall pay the sum of one half dollar for every hog, or for every half dozen geese, and a proportionable sum for every goose, so taken up, to the use of the person or persons taking up or securing the same; and in case the proprietor or proprietors aforesaid shall not, within two days after notice of such seizure, pay the sum or sums as aforesaid, it shall, and may be lawful for the person seizing the same to sell the same by public vendue in the said village, within three days, between the hours of ten and twelve of the forenoon of the said day, and the monies thereon arising to apply to his, her or their own proper use.

Commissioners to take an oath, &c.

VIII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That every commissioner appointed in pursuance of this act, before he shall proceed to execute his office, shall take an oath, or affirmation, before some justice of the peace, that he will diligently and faithfully, according to the best of his judgment, perform the duties of a commissioner of the said village, according to the directions of this act, without favour, partiality or prejudice; and a certificate of such qualification shall be made and returned by such justice of the peace to the said commissioners, to be filed and recorded among their proceedings.

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Passed 8th of January, 1803.

An ACT for the benefit of William Thomas, of Prince-George's county.

Preamble.

WHEREAS William Thomas, of Prince-George's county, emigrated to, and settled in, this state, and since his emigration and settlement as aforesaid hath contracted for the purchase of